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1. On 18 February 1953, the Panzer Kaserne, south of August Bebel Strasse, Burg, was occupied by 600 to 800 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 8:30 a.m., four JSU-122 guns left the installation toward the Artillerie Kaserne. They returned at about 5 p.m. At about 10 a.m., two JS-3 tanks left the installation toward the firing range. At about 1 p.m., about 70 soldiers with small arms wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, entered the installation, coming from a southwestern direction. Several groups of soldiers received training in firing and maintained about 12 trucks in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving

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2. On 18 February, the Artillerie Kaserne, east of Zerbster Strasse, was occupied by about 1,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 60 to 80 soldiers were seen drilling and practicing marksmanship in the barracks area. Other soldiers were maintaining about 20 trucks. About 250 to 300 soldiers practiced marksmanship in the area south of the installation. In the east section of the training area, troops received instruction on at least six guns, which source believed were 122-mm howitzers.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Compared with preceding reports by this and another source in early February 1953, no changes appear to have occurred in the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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